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Pathologist's Branch,

Melbourne, 12th June 1890

My Dear Sir,

I should have thanked you sooner for the portrait you kindly sent & would have returned my own only I do not possess one at present, As soon as I get a photo. I will willingly send you one. I observe you were born in 1845 & my own birth-year is 1849.

At present I am investigating the spot-hole fungi of Stone-fruit trees in Australia & find it to be principally caused by Clasterosporium amygdalearum Sacc. which I consider to be a synonym of Coryneum beyrinckii Bud. Associated with it I also usually find Phyllosticta prunicola & this so common that it appears to be here the pyrenial stage. Phyllosticta persicæ Sacc. also sometimes

occurs & I am sending a slide of it to you
to have your opinion upon it

I would send a leaf but there is so little of it
that it would likely be intermixed with other
fungi & I send you a definite slide
The leaf was kept moist for a few days but
the fungus resembles that on the natural
leaf, only perhaps the perithecia are a little
larger. It occurred on the leaves of Apricot
Plum & Peach.

I would be very much obliged if you
would send your remarks on the slide
when you return it
Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain

Yours faithfully

J. M. Alpin

P.S. Have you got the smallest part of
of the Herbarium specimen of Puccinia
Saccardoi, as I would like to compare it
with another Puccinia found here
J. M. A.